

## CHINA FRANKS.

Another Day of Mr. Darrell and That Collector's Boy.

## REPORT TO FORCE AN APPOINTMENT.

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## ANOTHER BULL-DOZING STORY.

The Weber Agreement Authenticated by the Notary and Witnesses.

## MRS. JENKS IN WASHINGTON.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, June 12, 1878. The proceedings in the committee were not important. Darrell testified, under cross-examination, that Smith, the new collector of New Orleans, had been seen and read the Anderson documents before he was nominated; also that he had no doubt that the Returning Board's wishes decided the appointment of Smith. Seymour, notary public, identified the Anderson and Weber agreement and testified that the words "and D. A. Weber," which it was thought Anderson had fraudulently added, were inserted at Seymour's demand to make the document regular, and he and the two witnesses—Dicks and Wilder—all testified to the signing of the document by two men, one of whom they knew to be Anderson, while the other one of them knew, though they took it for granted that it was Weber. General Butler lost his temper in examining T. C. Smith, former appointment clerk of the Treasury, and was sharply called to order by General Cox and declared in the wrong by the chairman. On the whole it was an unprofitable day, and dull besides, except to people who like to see a witness badger counsel.

## ARRIVAL OF MRS. JENKS IN WASHINGTON—WHAT SHE IS EXPECTED TO TESTIFY TO—A SENSATION TO FOLLOW HER APPEARANCE BEFORE THE COMMITTEE.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, June 12, 1878. Mrs. Jenks, accompanied by her husband, arrived here to-night from New Orleans. She is the woman who has been published as having been at one time the custodian of the letter alleged to have been given by Secretary (then Senator) Sherman to the Weber and Anderson, and her presence in Washington at this time is in obedience to a summons from the Potter investigating committee. In order to avoid public notice, she had taken rooms at a private boarding house. Late this evening, after she had recovered somewhat from the fatigue of her long journey, they called upon Senator Kellogg at the Riggs House, but not finding him at home they proceeded to the office of Mr. Shelbarger, the counsel for Secretary Sherman, and were closeted with him for some time. Your correspondent had an interview with Mrs. Jenks, who declined for the present to converse upon the subject of the letter or the investigation, saying that the time had not yet arrived when she felt at liberty to talk upon the subject. No doubt that before long she might have scraps of information which, if printed, would afford interesting reading to the public.

## APPEARANCE OF THE LADY.

Mrs. Jenks impresses one as a woman of shrewd sagacity, and in her conversation discovers a slight French accent, which, with her self-possession, would lead one to suppose that she has been accustomed to mix with the sprightly French population of New Orleans and is not a novice in protecting her own interests. The expectation of the committee that she will prove a fluent witness is not justified by her prompt parrying of leading questions that would easily lead a person of ordinary habits into general conversation. Whatever Mrs. Jenks knows she will studiously endeavor to use as best please herself.

## A SIGNIFICANT FACT.

The fact that she called upon Mr. Shelbarger so soon after her arrival in Washington would also indicate that she will have the benefit of Secretary Sherman's lawyer in the conduct of her examination. Mrs. Jenks is the principal witness relied upon by the democratic members to prove the existence of the so-called Sherman letter. The fact that she gave certain information, already made public as early as last January, indicating her knowledge of the existence of such a letter, and that she comes to Washington to make the most of her information and the possession of important documents, cannot now be cancelled by a general denial.

## THE SENATE INVESTIGATION.

The Senate investigating committee, raised under the resolution of Senator Matthews, will meet at twelve o'clock to-morrow and begin its work with the examination of James K. Anderson. Darrell has also been subpoenaed. The committee to-day resolved to admit nobody to its sessions but representatives of the Associated Press.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE POTTER COMMITTEE.

WASHINGTON, June 12, 1878.

The Potter investigating committee resumed the examination of ex-Congressman C. B. Darrell this morning at half-past eleven. Mr. Cox expressing a desire to ask him a few questions preliminary, Mr. Darrell said he wished to make a correction of his testimony of the previous day as printed. In answer to a question it appeared he said, "Up to this date no appointments have been had except on the recommendation of the Returning Board." The witness said he meant up to the date when he left Washington, some time in March last. Of course he knew nothing that had transpired since he left.

The examination was then regularly taken up as follows:

Q. You spoke yesterday of conversations with Mr. Anderson about the period of the election of 1876. Do you ask me whether in those conversations Mr. Anderson at any time intimated that his protest, which has been frequently referred to here, in the election of East Feliciana was correct, or whether he pronounced it was false in any respect? A. It is incorrect in time, that the conversations I had were not until the spring of 1877, when he came here to be an applicant for office; he told me at that time his protest was true and correct, and he told me at the same time that I never talked with him about the election, until the spring of 1877.

Q. Then were the conversations he had at any time with you based upon any theory that he had made a false protest that anybody was interested in covering up? A. No.

## ANDERSON'S BELIEFING STORY.

Q. You referred to the first conversations you had with Anderson about his protests as being some time subsequent to the election of 1876. Was it? A. I had no conversations with him during the campaign or election because he was not in any district at all, but at East Feliciana parish. I never saw him but once previous to the election, and that interview influenced me greatly in trying to do the man afterwards; I had been making political speeches in some of my parishes along the Mississippi River, when I returned I found Mr. Anderson on the boat at New Orleans, having taken the boat across at Baton Rouge, he exhibited his coat and vest where he had been shot; I think his pocketbook or papers prevented him from coming on, and he told me a long story of his having been followed at night and an attempt made to assassinate him, and about his escape, and he exhibited evidence of the shooting; I supposed, as I said, that the man was

telling the truth; I had no doubt that he had not been followed, and that he had escaped with his life by a hair's breadth; when I went to Washington I referred to the protest he had made; I said, in my opinion, that he was certainly in a terrible condition, mentally and physically, although he was not wounded.

Q. When you represented the parish what was about the relative strength of the parties there? A. My opinion was that the party of the Union was about eleven hundred; I think in 1872 it was nearly twelve hundred; that is my recollection now; it is a very large republican parish and always had been up to 1876.

Q. You had personally canvassed it? A. Yes, sir, at three separate times in 1876 and 1877.

Q. In those campaigns at how many parts of the parish had you had meetings and been personally canvassing? A. In my own parish and in the parishes in almost every ward in town during the three years.

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Q. Are you authorized to state what Mr. Anderson's general reputation in Louisiana was to what it is? A. Now, of my own personal knowledge, I would not like to say; Mr. Anderson always lived in the city of New Orleans; while he was in Louisiana there he was very respected, and I think his reputation was not what you call good, at least in a Northern sense; I think he was a man of good character, a good Orleans (laughter)—and I think he drank a good deal; he told me that himself; I talked with his initial friends there, and I think he called upon to testify they would say his reputation there was not considered good at all.

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